



Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs

Tony Evers, Governor | Mary M. Kolar, Secretary

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Dear Union Grove Community:

As you are likely aware, a number of Members and staff in our Union Grove community had tested positive for COVID-19 over the past two weeks. Unfortunately, today I am following up with news that two additional Members and one additional staff member have also tested positive.

As I mentioned on Sunday, since some of our staff have also been affected by the virus, and therefore are quarantining away from campus, we arranged for the federal VA to send additional staff to care for our Members. These reinforcements have begun their work and have been a wonderful help to us. We are also receiving help with ongoing COVID-19 testing from the Wisconsin National Guard so that our staff can continue to focus on the daily tasks of caring for our Members. Our next round of testing will begin next Friday, Aug. 21.

Thank you for adhering to the security protocols that we have put into place. Not only does this help us protect the Union Grove Members and staff, but it protects you, as well. While families and friends are still unable to visit in person, remember that you can continue to help lift the spirits of your loved ones by sending letters or emails or by coordinating virtual visits. Please contact us if you would like to arrange a visit. We know that five months is a long time to go without in-person contact, but even a Facetime chat is comforting to our Members who, just like the rest of us in Wisconsin and across the U.S., are facing feelings of worry and uncertainty.

Please know that we are steadfastly focused on the health and safety of your loved ones and we will continue to work hard to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our campus community. As a reminder, these updates are also available at any time on the WDVA website at www.WisVetsHomesCOVID.com.

If you have any questions, I am happy to address them.

Sincerely,

Diane Lynch, Homes Division Administrator